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HEALTH REGIONS

Mayor backs away from health region fight

Position means working within the systems, says Moore

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury Mayor Dorothy Moore said at a community meeting last week that it is time for her to step away from the fight to go to the Calgary Health Region and begin to work with the health region Didsbury has been placed with by the provincial government.

"Because we are in region #4 we need to see what we can do to work with them to make (the hospital) better," Moore told the audience of about 35 who still want to lobby for placement within the Calgary Health Region. "It is my duty as mayor to work with Red Deer."

Moore has written a letter to Jean Graham, chair of Health Authority #4, expressing thanks for her patience and attitude in dealing with the Didsbury situation, to explain some demographics of the Didsbury area as far as health is concerned and to set up a meeting between the region and Didsbury Town Council.

Moore acknowledged she worked very hard to get Didsbury into the Calgary Region before a final decision was made by Health and Wellness Min-

ister Gary Mar. She said that now that the decision has been made it is time for her to move on to working with the Red Deer region.

Moore met with Mar before the decision was made and delivered a petition signed by Didsburians.

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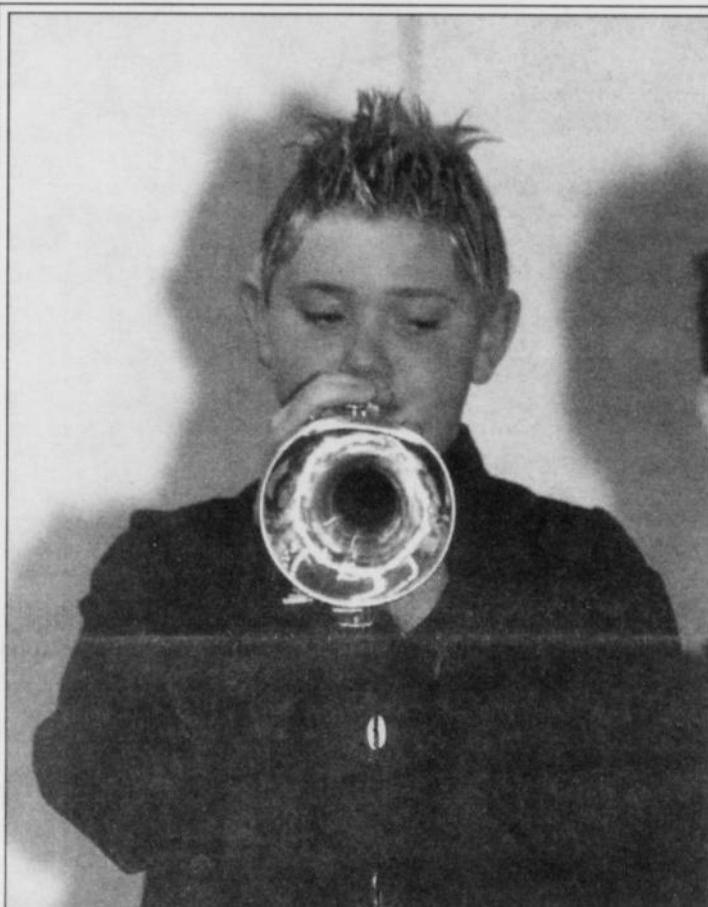
- Dorothy Moore,
Didsbury Mayor

"I am here to work with the system because that is my job. I am looking to improve services within the system."

Moore said if the time comes where the provincial government decides to look at boundaries again, she might get involved but for now she feels it is her duty to work with Red Deer.

"I hope the community understands we need to strengthen the position of the hospital wherever we can," said Moore, expressing her desire to be as transparent as possible on the issue.

Moore stated she attended the meeting because she was an invited guest.



Hair do-wop

photo by Richard Westlund

A colorful character from the Rocky Mountain House Grade 7 jazz band performs for Didsbury students at a special assembly held last week at Westglen school.

Tax-rate increase plan squashed

by Richard Westlund

An attempt to significantly raise taxes by Councillors Clem Kuelker and Harry Penner in order to replenish Town reserves was quashed at April 28 regular Town Council meeting. Councillors vote 5-2 to keep the mill rate the same as last year (10 mills for residences and 14 mills for businesses) after the two Councillors mentioned above suggested a higher tax rate.

Kuelker said he thought Council should consider a 10.75 mill rate for residences, while Penner thought it should be at least that amount.

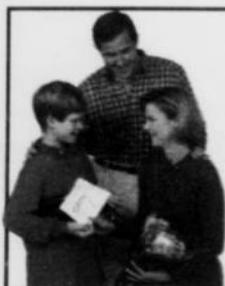
Didsbury Town Council had agreed on the mill rates of 10 and 14 for residential and commercial respec-

tively at a series of budget meetings held by the Town. Kuelker said he had a chance to go over the numbers during the snow storm that hit the area a week and a half ago and he started having second thoughts.

Kuelker stated a higher tax-rate was necessary in order to meet the Council goal of having \$200,000 in reserves over the next year. He said the Town has had a history of having to borrow money through lending institutions and are getting dinged with interest payments.

"We need to bite the bullet and come up with reserves - sooner than later. I know it's hard and you have to keep the tax-payer in mind," said Kuelker.

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NEWS

**Spring ripples**

photo by Richard Westlund

A goose enjoys a water hazard at the Didsbury golf course after record amounts of snow melted last week. The spring conditions didn't last long and it is expected to snow for the rest of the week.

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"I concur with Councillor Kuelker on this one," added Penner. "Auditors have told us to get our books in order. 10.75 is the minimum I would go for."

Kuelker said if the rate was increased a commitment should be made to Didsburians stating the extra money would not be touched by Council.

Councillors who were against raising the mill rate were perturbed that the issue was being raised again after Councillor already agreed at leaving the rates where they are.

"We have had several budget meetings already. Councillors Kuelker and Penner could have brought this up at that time rather than reading a prepared statement. This is putting us back at square one," said Coun-

cillor Gary Dohla. "Everyone was aware these were the rates we were going to go with - it was agreed to at the last budget meeting."

Kuelker admitted he came to some kind of agreement on the discussed mill rate but after looking at it further thought the rate needed to be higher.

Councillor Judy Kaupp said increasing the mill rate as much as what Kuelker and Penner proposed would become a burden for low-income families and seniors.

"Quite frankly I am surprised we are having this discussion," said Kaupp.

Dohla also stated assessments are up again this year and that ratepayers will already be faced with tax increases. He said assessments rose from 3.5

per cent to 13 per cent.

Councillor Peter Versluys said he knows two young families that would have a very difficult time swallowing such a proposed increase.

"When I think about those two young families, I think we need to stay at 10 and 14 (mills)."

Kuelker made his motion to increase the tax rate, but withdrew it when it met vocal opposition.

Another motion was made to postpone the decision to 4:30 p.m. the next day to give Councillors more time to think about the issue, but Council gave third reading to the tax-rate bylaw after Committee of the Whole, Kuelker and Penner voted against keeping the mill rate status quo.

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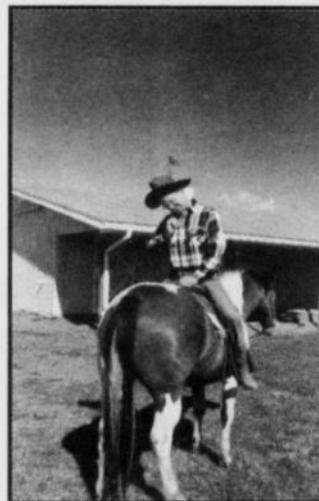
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HEALTH REGIONS

Group will meet with Mar regarding health boundaries

MLA says he continues to fight for change

by Richard Westlund

Didsburian and former Tory Cabinet Minister Roy Brassard told a group of about 35 people that Health and Wellness Minister Gary Mar and local MLA Richard Marz would be willing to meet with representatives about the issue of which health region the Didsbury Hospital should be a part of.

It was the second time such a group has met since Mar announced Didsbury would stay part of Health Region #4. The crowd at the Knox United Church was hoping it wasn't too late to have the hospital included in the Calgary Region (health authority #3).

Brassard said Mar's office was trying to find time to meet with about six representatives from surrounding communities. He said because Mar sits in the legislature from Monday to Thursday and deals with constituency matters on Fridays in Calgary the group, which wasn't decided at the meeting, might have to travel to Edmonton to meet with the minister in a timely fashion.

The group is expected to be made up of community leaders from Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona, Mountain View County and other communities. Doctors will also be asked to be part of a meeting with Mar and Marz.

In addition to a meeting, those in attendance also agreed that a letter writing campaign was necessary.

Brassard said petitions were always looked at in a sceptical fashion and that letters were a better way of determining how a community felt on an issue.

"When I was in government we always felt that if some-

one didn't have two minutes and 45 cents to give, they weren't that concerned," he said.

The group then discussed what should be written into the letters. Points included traffic flow to the Didsbury hospital from the south, the fact there is no hospital along highway #2 from Didsbury to Calgary. Mar's comments about Centres of Excellence and the need for enhancement of acute care at the Didsbury Hospital.

Addresses for Mar, Marz and Premier Ralph Klein were read out loud at the meeting.

"I think a letter writing campaign will be most important," said Cindy Tippe, who chaired the meeting.

MLA Richard Marz said he has received many letters on the subject already and said written correspondence gives him a chance to stand up in the legislature to table them.

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- Roy Brassard,
former Tory cabinet
minister

Marz said right now the issue is at the top of his agenda and that he is lobbying to have the Didsbury Hospital in the Calgary Region on a daily basis.

"I think it is better if the (Didsbury Hospital) is in the Calgary region sooner than later," said Marz later in the week.

Marz said he is taking alternative steps in an attempt to have the health lines redrawn and that he is planning on talking to individual health board trustees about the issue.

Didsbury Hospital receives special gown donation

by Richard Westlund

The Didsbury Hospital will receive at least 13 gowns as part of a work bee done by a local community group.

The IODE Carstairs Chapter has produced 13 hospital gowns, that open in the back to the Didsbury Hospital, to help fulfill a need there. Six gowns have already been presented to the Hospital while the remainder will be donated

in a special ceremony May 21.

Didsburian Randy Wickstrom, a member of the IODE Carstairs Chapter, which was established in 1928, said the project started when she asked Didsbury Hospital Volunteer Coordinator Dawna Faryna if the hospital need anything. Faryna said they were short gowns and after the Carstairs group voted on whether this was a project they wanted to be involved with, a new project was born.

Wickstrom said the group held a "work bee" in which eight people attended to cut and sew material. After a combined 70 hours of labour 13 gowns were completed.

The gowns are estimated to be worth \$40 a piece.

Unlike typical hospital gowns, which remain open in the back, the IODE gowns, which were based on a pat-

tern taken from an old nightgown, close across the back to the shoulder to give a patient a little more privacy.

The gown project is typical of the IODE group. Often members gather together to make items like quilts or supply bags for charity groups in Calgary. Money raised to make such items comes from a small thrift store that operates in Carstairs.

"Wherever there is a need,

we try to fill it," said Wickstrom, stating the group pays particular attention to youth causes. Recently the group put together a scholarship program for Hugh Sutherland High School in Carstairs and helped a local kid play hockey by picking up some of the fees. "Our mandate is to go out and do what we can in the community, but we try to work quietly," said Wickstrom.



Adam Perrett, EMT, Kyle Leeson, 13, Rob Miller, Paramedic, and Nick Thain, Operation Manager for Mountain View Regional Emergency Services, pose with eight Huggin Monkeys donated by Leeson to give to children that are in a traumatic situation which calls for an ambulance. In return Thain presented Leeson with a first aid kit to thank him for his generosity.

What do you do with too many monkeys?

Westglen student donates prize to Emergency Services

by Carla Victor

Kyle Leeson, a Grade 7 student at Westglen school in Didsbury, decided to take the monkeys he won in a school competition and donate them to Mountain View Regional Emergency Services for paramedics to give to children using their services.

Leeson won the 12 monkeys for being top seller in a school magazine sales contest he decided they would be best put to use in the hands of other children.

"My room was already full of junk and (my dad being a firefighter) I knew kids in accidents - upset or in pain - would really be cheered up if the ambulance driver could give them a monkey to make them feel better," said Leeson.

He said his dad, Gord Leeson, Olds Firefighter, had told him before that Paramedics and EMTs sometimes have toys for the kids riding in the ambulances.

"I hope this will help them get well faster," said Leeson.

Adam Perrett, EMT for Mountain View Regional Emergency Services, said he was proud of the donation made by this young boy.

"It's great, amazing, to think someone this young would think about other kids in this way! His attitude is amazing," said Perrett.

Rob Miller, paramedic for Mountain View Regional Emergency Services, said there was an occasion last week to give away one of the monkeys and the toy made a world of difference to a scared child.

"The youngster held onto it the whole way. Wouldn't let it go the entire trip to Calgary," said Miller.

"Kids will love these. It will help take their minds of what is going on in the back of the ambulance," said Perrett. "It makes a big difference!"

IN THE COURTS

Man who assaulted woman sentenced

A 25-year-old man who punched a woman and threw her down a flight of stairs during an incident in January has been ordered to complete community service hours.

Michael Anderson pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on April 28 to a charge of assault. Anderson assaulted the woman on January 31, causing extensive bruising to the woman's face, throat and arms, court heard. Anderson admitted he had been drinking prior to the assault, which took place in a private residence at about midnight.

The victim was later treated at the Olds hospital for the non-life threatening injuries.

"This type of action is not acceptable in any way to the community," the Crown prosecutor said. Judge Cioni told Anderson he was lucky not be receiving a jail sentence.

The judge handed Anderson a one year suspended sentence and ordered him to undergo counselling, random drug and alcohol testing, and to submit a DNA sample. He also ordered Anderson to complete 30 hours of community service.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

A taxing issue



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

Didsbury Town Council deserves credit for keeping the mill rate where it is. But serious work has to be done in order to replenish reserves.

The town will take in more tax dollars than they did last year because assessments are up. Hopefully that amount will help the Town put money away for the future.

Councillor Clem Kuelker made a good point about the need to have reserves when discussing his proposal of raising the mill rate.

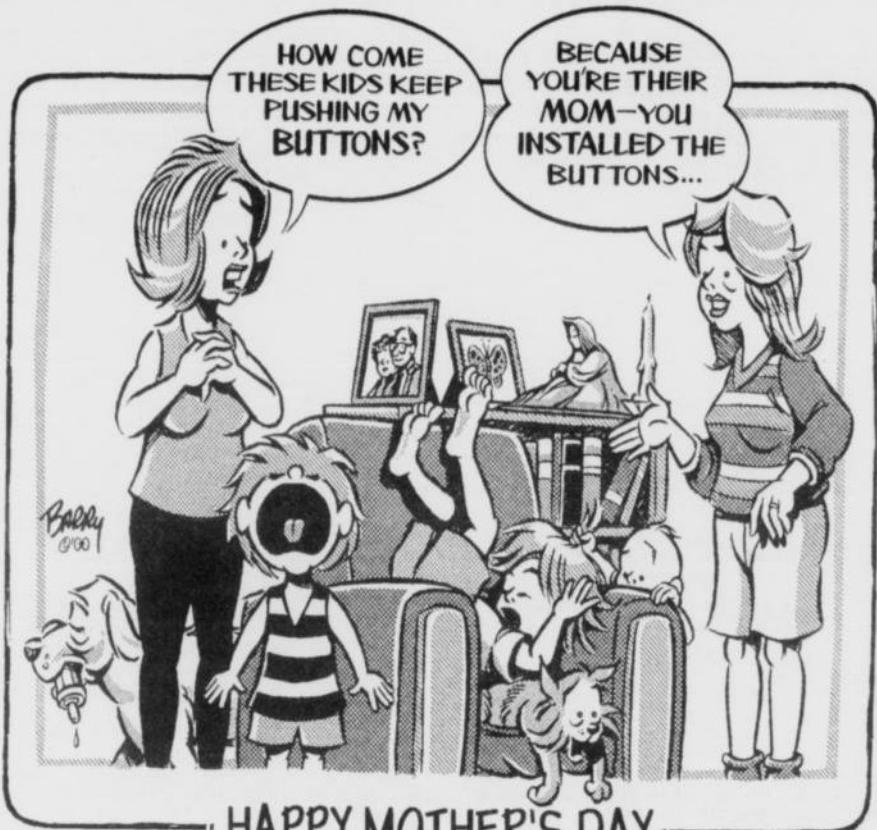
When you don't have money of your own for a needed expense you are forced to borrow. Interest paid on debt affects the amount of money that is actually used for services in Didsbury and municipal spending becomes less efficient. On the other hand when you have a reserve that is collecting interest from year to year, you end up with more to spend on services.

The decision not to increase the mill rate was not an easy one for Council. Hints had been dropped about an increase by some Councillors since the beginning of the year.

A low tax rate provides advantages for municipalities as well. In order to attract businesses to the area, tax rates have to be competitive with neighboring municipalities. And if you can attract new businesses, or residence for that matter, you increase your tax base. The Town of Didsbury has expanded its tax base steadily over the past few years. Increased housing starts are a good indication of that. But that has also increased growth has meant an increased demand for services. Growth must be carefully managed in order to make it make sense.

There is no doubt that expenditures will have to be monitored closely this year as the tax rate is going to remain the same next year. If the town is successful in putting money aside without burdening its taxpayers more than they have to, they will be in a position to postpone future tax hikes. And that is important when taxes are a worry for some local families living month to month.

It will be a difficult task for the Town to accomplish the goal of building a reserve without the rate increase, but Didsburians deserve the lowest possible tax rate.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Municipal taxes explained

by Dorothy Moore

The municipal tax notices for Town of Didsbury properties will be going out this week. We try to get the notices out early for you, but you have until June 30 to pay them.

Although Council has decided on the same mill (or tax) rate as last year, you may see a difference in the amount of taxes you pay. Taxes are now based on assessment based on market value. This system is much easier for taxpayers to validate. Most people are aware of what their house might fetch on the market compared to other properties offered for sale in their area. If your area has been increasing in value, the assessment for your property will be higher as well. There is a surprising variance from one area to another.

The categories on your notice are shown to provide you with information about where your taxes are being used. The Alberta School portion goes directly to the provincial government for redistribution. The Town has already made the first quarterly payment to the province for this year. This amount is determined by the province

and requisitioned from us. We have no say in the amount, and must pay it as required.

The other requisitioned amount is for Mountain View Seniors Housing. This required payment is for Seniors Housing throughout the County area. The Didsbury Lodge that is being built will be part of this regional non-profit organization. Didsbury, along with the other municipalities and the County, run the organization through a Board to which each of us appoints a member.

A new category this year is Protective Services. Fire, Ambulance, RCMP and Bylaw Enforcement are included. Didsbury is over 2,500 in population, so we pay for RCMP. You may have read that many towns are attempting to have Alberta assume a larger portion of the cost. This province pays an unusually small portion compared to others. We also think that the cost should be shared by all those who are served by the RCMP, whether through provincial funding or a different formula for payment.

The other two categories are Debt Payment/Reserves and Municipal funds. The payment on debt covers the swimming

pool, sewage lagoon and other infrastructure projects, and the RCMP station. It is like a series of mortgages that are paid off individually over time. Replenishment of reserves is a priority of this Council. It is necessary to plan for the resources that will be needed to maintain and extend our infrastructure, and to be prepared for unusual circumstances that may arise.

The Municipal portion is the part that the Town uses for ongoing operations. It may be surprising to see the percentage that is used to provide all other Town functions. This portion goes toward public works, administration, recreation, community services and Council.

If you have something written in the Local Improvement Charges area, you are paying for an addition or replacement to infrastructure specific to your area over time. Some areas have these items prepaid by the developer or the previous owner. Others chose to pay them over time. There is an end date to these charges.

If you have any other questions about your tax notice, we will be happy to assist you.

Dorothy Moore is the mayor of Didsbury.

Wonderings of the heart

"Mothers"

by Margaret Fradley

Mothers, what would it take to make you feel special this mother's day? What would make you feel that it was all worthwhile? How best could your family demonstrate their love to you - their appreciation; do you have expectations for your special day? There are times when these special days come along that we have unrealistic expectations - and then later we are disappointed and even hurt that others did not meet our expectations for the day. As I pondered this, I began to think that we cannot depend on our expectations to give us contentment or fulfillment in our lives. I know a couple that if her husband didn't bring her a dozen red roses on her birthday or mother's day, she would literally feel rejected. This is sad. There are many ways people can show their appreciation, their love, and that they care; and again some find it difficult to express; yet the love is there. We are pressured on all sides through the media with all its advertising, the sales that loom up to entice us, but for many the financial resources just aren't there. We need to learn to show our appreciation not only a few times a year, but throughout the year every day can be a special day, a day to show we care, to encourage to live out our love, the little kindly actions of love it what will linger in our memory banks. For all you mothers out there - you are special, we love you, and we wish you a blessed day.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Calgary-bound driver thankful for help after being stranded

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the town of Didsbury for its hospitality, this past week-end.

I was on my way to Calgary during the recent snow storm. I was about 80 kms from Calgary when a towtruck driver stopped us and said the highway was closed up ahead. He suggested that we either turn back the way we came or go to Didsbury. I decided to go to the nearest safe place. But I got stuck on the road. A

wonderful couple Chris and Kristine Overwater stopped to help us. I was traveling with my sister and an 11 year old child. They took us to their place and gave us dry socks and let us warm up by the fire place.

Chris helped me get my car unstuck. While Kristine found us a room at the Super 8. We left my car beside the road and they drove us into Didsbury. Even though the power was out it was wonderful to just be

out of the storm.

The staff at the motel were just great. They did everything they could for us, even getting us a deck of cards.

The next day Kristine came and took me to my car so I could bring it into town. It took us 2 hours but we got to Calgary on Sunday and safely home to Edmonton on Monday. I will never forget the kindness of the people of Didsbury. To you, the deepest heart felt THANK-YOU!

Carrie Smith

Bike enthusiasts under 18 years must wear an approved helmet

Dear Editor,

Spring is again upon us and the bicycles are out in full strength. This is a reminder for everyone, parents and children alike.

First remember you cannot ride your bicycle on any sidewalk in the downtown area of Didsbury. This is for the safety of the pedestrians walking along the sidewalks as well

as the bike rider.

Second, it is the LAW in Alberta for anyone under the age of 18 years, they MUST wear an approved bicycle safety helmet. Parents will be fined if a child under the age of 16 rides a bike without an approved bike helmet. Young adults aged 16 & 17 who ride without an approved bike helmet will be fined.

So remember, young or old, always wear your helmet because under the Highway Traffic Act, section 149(1), the fine is \$69.00.

If you want more information on bike helmets or bike safety, you can go to www.saferoads.com.

Have a safe year.
G. Hnatuk
Community Constable

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Summary stating volunteer commitments to the Didsbury Community that qualify him/her for the specified award (use extra paper as necessary). Please attach summary to this form when submitting.

Please provide two letters of recommendation other than the person(s) nominating for this award:

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- Address of Nominator: _____
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- Date: _____

Volunteers breathe life

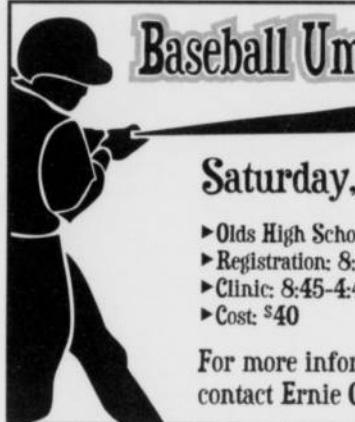
Dear Editor,

During Volunteer Recognition Week, the Alberta Lung Association wishes to extend a sincere thank you to many of your readers for their support of our 2003 Asthma & Allergies Campaign and, in particular, to the thousands of volunteers who walked door-to-door to raise money for lung health.

Nearly \$500,000, which was raised from this year's campaign, will go towards vital respiratory research and lung health programs. From one volunteer to another, thank you.

And to the thousands who gave at the door - our sincere appreciation.

Greg Smyth
Volunteer Chair
Alberta Lung Association



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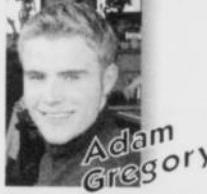
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- Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre 335-7369
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TOWN OF DIDSBUY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Regular Council: May 12, 2003
- MPC: May 14, 2003
- Corporate Services: May 8, 2003
- Community Services: May 27, 2003

NOTICE

Please note that the 2003 tax & assessments notices were mailed May 2, 2003. Any questions, please contact the Town of Didsbury at 335-3391.

NEWS

SPRING SNOWFALL

County tree population left broken and wounded

Damage may be in the millions

by Lindsay Jones

Trees in Mountain View County were left battered and bruised following the storm on the weekend of April 26.

Damage estimates may top a million dollars for the surrounding county, said Dave Herbert, manager of botanic gardens at Olds College.

"It's at least \$50,000 in dam-

age (at the college)," Herbert said.

Those numbers are the total cost of the value of the trees, the clean-up and the labour required to heal the tree population.

Many of the damaged trees are considered to be "hazard trees" and will have to be removed, Herbert said.

Herbert also said the trees that don't appear to be seriously damaged will deteriorate over the next few years until they too will have to be removed.

The cost to remove a tree

varies depending on tree size, location, and the surrounding property. It can be as low as \$100 and go up from there. To replace a 15 foot to 18 foot pine tree it can cost between \$2,500 to \$3,000, Herbert said.

"We are just in the process of getting a handle on (the damage)," Herbert said. "There is a lot of damage that is severe."

With branches stripped from the trunk and tops snapped off, the older, larger trees have had the worst damage.

A combination of rain, which later froze, and a large dump

of heavy wet snow was more than the trees could bear.

"Just the sheer weight of the snow was probably several thousand pounds," Herbert said.

"(The trees) just couldn't take it anymore," said Ken Moore, senior arborist at Treekeepers Inc.

"Had this happened three to four weeks later when the trees are in leaf, it would have been really bad," Moore said.

"It's pretty disappointing but that is nature and there is nothing you can do about it," Herbert said.

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- Dave Herbert

Even though the huge dump of snow has left the town with many broken trees, it has also brought much needed moisture.

"Overall I think we have to be thankful for the moisture," Herbert said.

Rosebud Valley land redesignated

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury Town Council gave third reading to two bylaws that redesignated land in the Rose Bud Valley to residential which begins to pave the way to seeing development of the area.

Following an open house, in which no one voiced opposition to the redesignation, Council unanimously gave support to rezoning land on the North East part of Didsbury.

Before development starts in the Rosebud Valley, Council will have to give approval once again at the subdivision portion of the process.

Planning and Development Officer Robert Wigg said the notifications about redesignating the land were published in the paper and that the proposal has been looked at for many years.

The Town did receive a letter from Mountain View County expressing concern about a possible flood plain in

the area. The applicants, Jill and Al Tuggle, will present a study on the flood plain at the subdivision level.

A drawing of the land that was presented to Town Council when they gave first reading to the bylaws in early April shows a proposed 175 R1 lots (single detached residential) and 50 R2 lots (general residential). There has also been one lot designated as a high density residential (apartment suite or town houses).

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Rocky Mountain House man pleads guilty

A 27-year-old man who ran a marijuana grow operation in Didsbury to pay off a \$20,000 debt to another man has been jailed.

Sheldon Larry Rice pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Wednesday to charges of possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, and producing a controlled substance.

Rice, a Rocky Mountain House resident, was arrested on September 19, 2002 after Didsbury RCMP executed a search warrant at a private residence in Didsbury and discovered a marijuana grow operation, court heard.

The sophisticated grow operation included lighting and ventilation systems.

A total of 20 mature plants, each plant about 150 centimetres tall, and more than 100 starter plants, each about five centimetres tall were discovered in three bedrooms in the residence.

The home was being used exclusively for the operation and was not otherwise occupied, federal Crown prosecutor John Lee told Judge George Clozza.

Rice was on interim judicial release for an unrelated B.C. matter at the time of his arrest.

"He is obviously not

"He is obviously not getting the message."

- Judge George Clozza

getting the message," said Judge Clozza.

Saying marijuana grow operations have become 'epidemic' in the province, Judge Clozza jailed Rice for six months, handed him a 10 year firearms prohibition, and fined him \$200.

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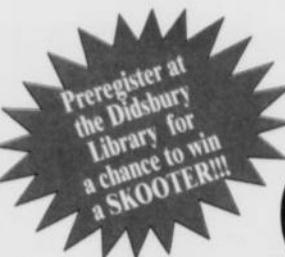
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The successful candidate will be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite with advanced skills in Microsoft Word. This person must have excellent keyboarding skills with the ability to take accurate minutes directly to a computer during lengthy meetings and/or hearings.

Executive or senior secretarial experience is essential. Excellent verbal and written communications skills combined with attention to detail are considered assets.

Interested individuals are invited to submit their applications by Friday, May 16, 2003 to:

Marilyn McDougall
Executive Assistant
Mountain View County
Box 100
Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0
Fax: 403-335-9207.
Email: mcdougm@telusplanet.net

Mountain View County thanks all individuals for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. 5-21

Administrative Assistant III (Term Position)

The Town of Didsbury Administration Office requires an **Administrative Assistant III** for a term of 13 months beginning June 2, 2003 to June 30, 2004. The successful candidate should possess strong interpersonal skills and have the ability to communicate effectively. Work experience working directly with the public would be an asset. Good knowledge of computer systems is required. A copy of the job description is available at the Town of Didsbury Administration Office at 2037-19 Avenue. Qualifications: A post-secondary degree or equivalent combination of experience and technical qualifications.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume to:

Brenda Hemming
Director of Corporate Services
Town of Didsbury
Box 790
Didsbury, Alberta
T0M 0W0
Fax: 403-335-9794

Closing date: May 16, 2003

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position and advise that only those applicants invited to an interview will be contacted. 5-21

TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE OPERATOR START DATE: JUNE 1, 2003

The Town of Didsbury is looking to hire a full time permanent Technical Maintenance Operator. Reporting to the Operations Foreman, the incumbent shall assist the construction, repair and maintenance of the Town's water distribution system, sanitary sewer system, storm drainage system, streets, parks, facilities and buildings. The incumbent will also assist with snow removal, the operation of hand tools and operate a variety of small equipment. Stand-by requirements are included with this position.

Please forward resumes to:

Chris McKenna
Director of Operations
Town of Didsbury
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Fax: (403) 335-9794

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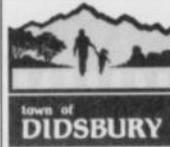
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Benefits: Town 80%, Employee 20%
Licensed or 4th year Apprentice
Experience with Heavy Duty Equipment
Welding experience would be an asset
Must be a team player

Wage: \$17.50/hour

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Town of Didsbury
Box 790
Didsbury, Alberta
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Phone: (403) 994-0172

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Farmer's Market

Didsbury Ag. Society will be starting the summer Farmers Market on Wed. May 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Curling Rink. For table rentals call 335-4252.

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CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Meeting - Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at 335-8304.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westgate from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

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Bridal Shower

A bridal shower will be held for Terra Himmelspeck, bride-elect of Curtis Goerzen, at Bergthal Mennonite Church on May 13 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 335-4285. Everyone welcome.

Coffee Party

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party May 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Rosebud Hall. All ladies welcome.

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower for Donna Woolliams bride elect of Trevor Thompson at 7:30 Fri., May 9 at the Coburn Community Hall. From the Didsbury overpass 6 miles north to the Amerada Road and 1 mile east. From the Olds overpass 4 miles south to the Amerada Road and 1 mile east. Lunch provided by the club. For more info 335-3751.

ONGOING EVENTS

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TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Club of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10:11-30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-8183 or 335-9903 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

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Centennial

The Town of Carstairs is celebrating its Centennial with many great events planned for July 18 - 20. Fundraiser Golf Tournament June 2. To register contact Kerri at 337-3051.

CREMONA

Group

The Cremona Parent & Tots Group is going strong and we would like you to join us! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cremona Congregational Church Basement. For more info contact Doreen at 637-0182.

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

W.H.O.A.S

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

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SUPPORT GROUP

The Compassionate Friends is a self help supportive group offering friendship and understanding to parents who have experienced the death of a child. Meetings are held the last Thurs. of each month (except Dec.) at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room #3 of the Drumheller Hospital. For more info call Shirley 823-3001 or Linda 823-4565.

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Koinonia students return from Mexico mission

*Mission to
Hermosillo
included 27
students*

by April C. D. Barton

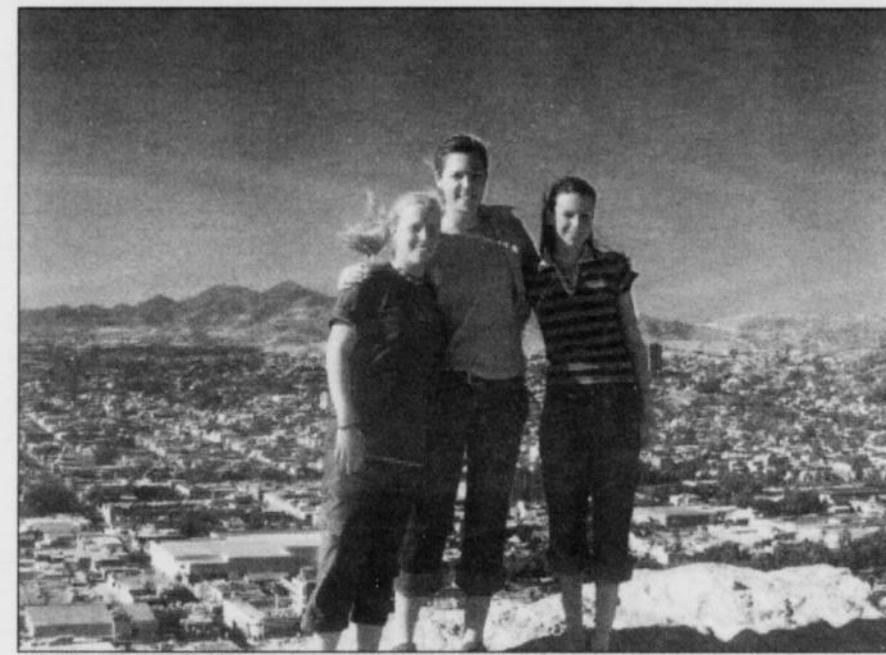
Fifteen days and 88 hours of driving later, 27 students from Olds Koinonia Christian School and eight team leaders arrived safely back from their Mexico Mission trip held over Easter break.

"It was an excellent trip," said trip coordinator Dwayne Brown, OKCS' athletic director. "We had no major problems. The kids were great. They impressed me every day with how well they did."

Based out of Hermosillo, Mexico, a city of one-million people in about one-quarter the land size of Calgary, the youth had many opportunities to share their faith in Jesus throughout their daily activities. While away, the Grade 10-12 teens organized five day-camps in basketball, soccer, art, drama and Kids' Club activities, as well as poured cement floors in a Pastor's house, worked on building a fence and did roofing at a church in a poor area when they weren't painting and cleaning a Christian School - all in temperatures of between 28-32 degrees Celsius!

Basketball team leader Curtis Anderson said the heat was exhausting for the groups involved in leading outdoor sports activities.

"We drank a lot of water," he said, with a laugh. "And at night, when we'd go to bed,



OKCS students Julie Hooper, Wynnale Pauly and Melissa Kary overlook the city of Hermosillo.



OKCS Team Leader Curtis Anderson encourages Mexican basketball enthusiasts.

we'd just crash!"

Sickness was a bit of a problem on the trip, said Mr. Brown.

"Whenever you go anywhere with a group of 38 people, you're bound to have someone

not well every day, but we managed without too much difficulty," he added. All food and water for the trip had been pre-arranged. Missionary cooks on-site prepared authentic Mexican dishes for the group, and all water was purchased in the city, said Mr. Brown.

The trip cost each student \$1100, as well as countless hours of pre-training and preparation. Learning basic Spanish, (including songs in Spanish), preparing testimonies and planning lessons to teach, was all part of the pre-trip challenges which began last September. Training also continued on the four-day bus

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- Dwayne Brown,
trip coordinator

trip down to Hermosillo which is the capital city of the state of Sonora, the biggest state in Mexico. Describing itself as "not a tourist town," the local economy there depends on farming, orchards, ranching, mining and assembly plants.

Carved iron wood is a common handiwork found at community markets.

Regardless of ethnic and cultural differences, culture shock was not an issue for the OKCS students, even when they ventured to the inner-city community, said Mr. Brown. "They were very well prepared for everything we did."

Despite their busy schedules, the Mission team members enjoyed a few "tourist" activities throughout the week. An outreach described as a "Taco Feast" one evening, an afternoon at the ocean-side beach and a trip called the Mountain Tour continued to provide opportunities for outreach and prayer for the locales.

"It was a great experience," said Curtis Anderson.

Adds Mr. Brown: "The kids were great! I'm very proud of them all."

Didsbury family sought for international student

by Richard Westlund

A search is being conducted to find Didsbury family that is willing to accept an international student for a year.

Barb Kroll, a member of the Cultural Homestay program, said Didsbury High School has already agreed to take a international student but she hasn't been able to find a host family.

"I am starting to get desperate," said Kroll from her Sundre home. "We need to find a family that is willing to take another teenager."

Kroll said their aren't many specifications about families that qualify to be hosts, just that they are tolerant and understanding of another culture and that they provide house rules for the student.

"Basically you are suppose to treat them like they were another one of your kids."

Kroll said there isn't a particular student that has been placed in Didsbury yet and a decision about what student is placed in Didsbury depends on the host family.

Currently, Kroll is trying to find a host family for three Japanese female students and

male students from Brazil, Spain and Italy. The students range in age from 15 to 18 years-old. She has profiles on all the students and is hoping that a Didsbury family will step forward.

Kroll said she has been a host family on many occasions and said the experience can be rewarding for host families as well as international students.

"We still keep in touch with most of them and in some cases we have exchange grand-babies," she said.

Host families are given a small honourarium to help cover some of the costs.

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NOTES FROM NIGERIA

Getting a drivers license in Nigeria versus Didsbury

Dear Family and Friends,

There are many things that we have for which we are not properly thankful. Janet and I live in Jos, which is on a plateau. This makes the climate much more moderate than most places in Nigeria. We know this, but often we forget how privileged we are. This week one of our missionaries came from Niger State where the climate is quite extreme—at this time of the year: VERY HOT!! I lived near where they live for three and a half years and struggled with the heat. However, I didn't have two small children to look after. When I would finally get to sleep (often on top of a damp towel) I didn't have small children to wake me up, crying about how hot they were. This young lady hadn't slept properly for over a week and it was starting to take its toll. She was here for a few days and appreciated the coolness. She slept well. Yes, we have much for which to be thankful.

Janet and I have this thing about Nigerian driver's licenses: we can't seem to get them. The process is quite simple: when the one we have expires (we kind of figure that after two years ours would have expired—if we had one!) we go to the license office and fill out the form, give the photos, pay the money, and then keep checking for our license until it eventually gets processed and the card is issued.

The last actual license I had, someone found the card in Bukuru—a town about fifteen miles from Jos. Janet hasn't had an actual card for about four years or more.

While waiting for the actual card, we use the receipt to prove that we are complying with Nigerian rules. It was interesting that about two years after I received the receipt, I was asked for my license. Upon showing the officer my receipt, he waved me on.

When I went to get the new license, the license office wouldn't accept the receipt as proof that I had ever had a license—I had to show them a copy of the old, old one. Interesting.

I have a good Nigerian friend who gets licenses for people and things like that. So I paid extra money to get the "express" version of the license. Usually this takes three days to a week. That was two and a half months ago!! The man looking after this for my friend came this week to say that he didn't have my license but would bring it as soon as it was available. Some express process!! How well I remember getting my driver's license in Didsbury in about three minutes. There are differences!!

This week we had Labor Day, that is on May 1. Janet and I were downtown shopping because Hillcrest and government offices were closed. There was a good-sized parade of 'workers' who marched past to celebrate 'their day'. The private-sector workers were open for business as usual. Part of the reason that we went shopping was because I thought that there would be less congestion in town—WRONG! Because the government offices were closed more people were down shopping. We live and learn. I have found that on Muslim holidays the shops owned by Muslims are closed, so the town is often less congested. I now know not to try it on public holidays.

Janet and I have been married for about seven and a half years now. During that time we have managed to accumulate some 'junk'. Besides, when we got married we combined two complete households in terms of kitchen stuff and furniture. Now we are trying to get rid of some of the stuff that has accumulated. We advertised and have actually sold several of the items. Now we need to sort out more of the things that are collecting dust and advertise them too.

Yesterday (Saturday) was another election day so there was limited movement. We always enjoy

such days because the traffic is almost nil and we enjoy the quietness.

We thank God that there weren't any disturbances that we were aware of, and we do have a polling booth right on our compound. Actually we got quite a bit of rest and also did some household chores. Thank you for praying for peace during the elections.

The end of School is coming quite quickly. Janet has Advanced Placement exams to look after during the next few weeks. She just finished her order for the library, so now she will have something else

to keep her putting in overtime. Graduation is on May 31. We look forward to seeing many former students who will return for the ceremony. We also look forward to seeing a former missionary to Nigeria who is now serving in Kenya. Philip will come this week to conduct the wedding of one of his former students. Maybe next week we can tell you about the wedding. Have a great week.

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Correction

In last week's Faces article "Carstairs Elevator Society continues to run marathon", information regarding the purchase of the land was unclear. Agricore did not give F.O.R.C.E.S. a \$10,000 bond, but lowered the bond amount required from \$20,000 to \$10,000. If the group is able to come up with a \$10,000 bond they will gain time to buy the land the elevator sits on for \$55,000. After such a sale the bond will be returned to the group.

Co-op members receive \$1 million in allocations

by Carla Victor

For the first time in 41 years, Co-op has paid back more than one million in patronage allocations, said Gwen Jensen, Olds Co-op vice president.

That milestone was one of many celebrated by more than 140 people at the 2002 Annual General Meeting for Olds Co-operative Association Limited.

2002 was a year of significant sales increases which allowed for the million dollar allocation, said Howard Wright, General Manager for Co-ops in Olds and Carstairs.



Co-op board members: Harvey Walsh, Barb Babiak, Grant Spence display certificates earned in Advanced Director Development Program (Walsh) and Director Development Program - Level One (Babiak and Spence). Co-op long term: Recognized for long service are (five years) Bonnie McLeod, Josie Seens, Maryann Sanderson and Shirley Zimmerman; for 10 years: Garry Buehholz; for 15 years: Bonnie Salmond.

photo by Carla Victor

Significant sales increases are due to the new Carstairs branch, which opened 2002, and continued success at Olds Co-op.

"There are a lot of reasons why people want to shop at Olds Co-op," said Wright.

He said a focus group survey indicated people are choosing to shop at Co-op for the store's great selection, good variety of fresh product, Co-op kids club, large spacious store, gas bar and friendly, well-trained staff.

"Not to mention cash repayments and discount days such at 10 per cent Tuesday at the beginning of every month and Thursday's \$1.49 Day."

Another milestone for the Co-op in 2002 was being awarded the Community Enhancement Award by Olds and District Chamber of Commerce during Small Business Week.

"It means a lot for our members to know we are so active in the community we serve."

"They like to know their store is doing more than providing them with great variety but also improving the community in which they live," said Wright.

Twelve thousand Co-op customers in this area will also be happy to know their allocation will be returning five per cent of the money they

spent in grocery and four cents per litre on their gasoline purchases.

Patronage allocation equalled \$1,043,483. The minimum cash repayment will be 50 per cent of the current year's allocation which equals \$725,439.

"The more you buy the more you get back. The more you support the Co-op the more cash you will see early in June when the cheques go out," said Wright.

Three board members were re-elected for Olds Co-op: Wanda Blatz, Grant Spence and Barb Babiak; they join six other board members: Gary Jefferies and Shelly Gingrich.

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DR. DOBSON: Let's assume that your complaints against your parents are valid — that they didn't do a very good job of raising you. Nevertheless, I urge you to cut them some slack.

You'll learn someday just how hard it is to be a good parent. Children are infinitely complex. In fact, I believe it is more difficult to raise children now than ever before. Be assured that you will not do the job perfectly, either. Some day, if you are blessed with children, one or more of them will blame you for your failures, just as you have criticized your parents.

Let me share one more suggestion with you and others who have been angry at their parents. Given the brevity of life and the temporary nature of all human relationships, can you find it within your hearts to forgive them? My mother closed her eyes for the last time on June 26, 1988. She had been so vibrant, so important to each member of our family. I couldn't imagine life without her just a few years earlier. But time passed so quickly, and before we knew it, she had grown old and sick and incompetent. The human experience is like that. As I sat at her memorial service, I was flooded with memories and a profound sense of loss.

But there was not the slightest hint of regret, remorse or guilt. There were no hurtful words I wished I could have taken back. There were no prolonged conflicts that remained unresolved between my parents and me. Why not? Was I a perfect son born to flawless parents? Of course not.

But when Shirley, my wife, and I had been married only two years, I remember saying to her, "Our parents will not always be with us. We must keep that in mind as we live out our daily lives. I want to respond to both sets of parents in such a way that we will have no regrets after they are gone." Again, I urge you not to throw away these good, healthy times. Please be careful not to create bitter memories that will hang above you when the record is in the books.

No conflict is worth letting that happen.

QUESTION: You obviously have a great empathy for kids who are in the junior-high years — especially those who are rejected and ridiculed by their peers. Have you always felt that way about that age group?

DR. DOBSON: My concern for early adolescents dates back to the years I spent teaching in junior high school. I was only 25 years old at the time and I fell in love with 250 science and math students. The day I left to accept other responsibilities I fought back the tears. Some of the kids were hurting badly, and I developed a keen sensitivity to their plight.

Let me illustrate how I saw them. Years later, I was sitting in my car at a fast-food restaurant. I happened to look in the rearview mirror and saw the most pitiful, scrawny, dirty little kitten on a ledge behind my car. I was so touched by how hungry she looked that I got out, tore off a piece of my hamburger and tossed it to her.

But before this kitten could reach it, a huge gray tomcat sprang out of the bushes, grabbed the morsel and gobbled it down. I felt sorry for the kitten, who turned and ran back into the shadows, still hungry and frightened. I was immediately reminded of those kids I used to teach. They were just as needy, just as deprived, just as lost as that little kitten.

It wasn't food that they required; it was love and attention and respect that they needed, and they were desperate for it.

And just when they opened up and revealed the pain inside, one of the more popular kids would abuse and ridicule them, sending them scurrying back into the shadows. We, as adults, must never forget the pain of trying to grow up and of the competitive world in which many adolescents live today.

Taking a moment to listen, to care and to direct such a youngster may be the best investment of a lifetime.

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What is Arbor Day?

Grant MacEwan revived the tradition of Arbor Day in Calgary back over 50 years ago. That tradition dated back to 1885 in Canada, when Calgary was still part of the Northwest Territories. The very first Arbor Day was on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska. Julius Sterling Morton had the great idea to declare a state-wide holiday to plant trees. And over one million trees were planted that first Arbor Day! The idea quickly spread to other states and to Canada, where, because of our weather, we tend to celebrate Arbor Day a little later in the spring. Our Canadian Arbor Day in Calgary was interrupted by two Great World Wars but in the 1950's, Grant MacEwan, then an alderman on Calgary City Council, saw the need for Arbor Day to be celebrated once again, to set aside a special day each year for the planting of trees, and to educate our children and citizens about the importance of planting trees. The City of Calgary has set aside the first Thursday of May for Arbor Day celebrations, and the rest of Alberta celebrates it between May 7-10.

Grant MacEwan said to me once that, "Arbor Day and the planting of trees is one of the greatest gifts one can give to God. To me, (he said), planting trees is symbolic of conservation at its best, particularly as that applies to people who are planting trees that will give neither bloom nor shade until long after they are dead. This is conservation in its most unselfish form."

Grant's words still ring especially true now that he is gone. This year, Janet Feddes-Calpas, from Alberta Agriculture has informed me that 54,160 tree seedlings will be distributed to grade One students through out the province! Many, many trees that we see today, growing, now owe their existence to Grant and all the great Arbor Days of the past.

ARBOR DAY

Hopefully, many of the trees planted this year will some day grace our world with their shade, beauty, habitat and environmental function.

As the Arbor Day Chair for our Prairie Chapter for the International Society of Arboriculture, I can attest to you that Arbor Day is still alive and well in most of our cities and communities in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. All one needs to do is to fly or drive into any of our prairie towns to see the legacy of the many trees planted for Arbor Day. As a professional arborist, I have personally cared for many trees having great sentimental value to their owners:

"Why that was Johnny's

school tree, when we planted it, it was so small, just a seedling, and look at it now. I'd sure hate to lose it!" is what I often hear my customers say. It is unfortunate and a sad day indeed when I, or another arborist is called on to provide tree removal service for an Arbor Day tree.

Please don't blame the arborist, when you see us cutting down a tree. It is not our fault that trees get planted in the wrong place! Trees don't have legs to move themselves. Remember that your tree needs room to grow. A white spruce needs at least 10 meter space with nothing above it for 20 meters.

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Elks help give Mom a break with their annual breakfast



Ron Townrow

This Mother's Day, give Mom a break from the dishes by taking her out to the Didsbury Elks Hall for their 5th Annual Mother's Day Breakfast.

Between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 am, local Elks members will be serving up scrumptious platters complete with bacon, eggs, pancakes and sausages. And while the menu is more than satisfying, the best part of all remains to

be the price.

"All Moms are free," says Elks Exhalted Ruler, Ron Townrow. "...everyone else pays \$5.00 and kids are just \$3.00."

With Elks members doing the cooking, serving, and clean-up afterward, about the only thing you have to concern yourself with is getting there early.

"Last year we had about 100 people turn out. It's defi-

nitely getting more and more popular year after year," says Townrow.

Townrow says holding the annual event gives the Elks one more avenue of community service to fulfill. "We do this as part of our mandate to serve...we all get together and help out the community. That's just the way the Elks work."

Townrow and all the Elks members wish to extend a

"We do this as part of our mandate to serve...we all get together and help out the community."

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in and around Didsbury.

Discover Mother Nature's secrets at the Farmer's Market

It's one of Mother Nature's best kept secrets - how carrots and peas picked fresh from the garden just seem to taste better than those bought at a supermarket..how farm fresh eggs just whip up better in your favorite recipe, or how the aroma of specially-cured meats beckons you from the barbecue.

Yes, the Farmer's Market is returning to Didsbury for another season of wholesome, delicious and nutritious food from which to choose.

"Our first Farmer's Market this year will be held Monday, May 14th from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Didsbury Curling Rink," says Organizer and Promoter, Laura Krebs.

"The fruit truck is definitely coming and we'll have some baking too, I'm sure along with a whole range of crafts and handiwork from which to choose."

Traditionally, the Farmer's Market carries fresh fruit and vegetables (once in season)

along with meat, eggs, and baked goods and a full roster of crafts and retail products from companies such as Watkins, Tupperware and Pampered Chef.

"I think part of the reason people might like our produce so much is that they haven't been sprayed with some of the heavy bug spray that some of the commercial produce is...It's all very healthy and natural."

Krebs has been involved with the Farmer's Market in

Didsbury for almost a decade now.

"It's all done through the Ag Society and all the proceeds from table rentals, and so on go directly to them. I do enjoy it and you get to meet so many interesting people."

Anyone interested in renting a table for the Didsbury Farmer's Market is encouraged to call Laura Krebs at 335-4252. "Tables are \$7.00 a piece and are available right up to the night of the Market."



Laura Krebs

Bike & Shine just part of the overall fun this weekend



Val Puttick and Sharon Tsiris are organizing the Bike and Shine which will be held this weekend.

says the support she's seeing from local community groups and businesses has simply been amazing. "Sharon Tsiris from Macy's Restaurant has

been very, very helpful to me in this...my right hand girl."

Tsiris helped Puttick organize the Bike & Shine and donated the scooter for the

early registration prize draw. "At the event itself we have three different age categories that the kids can win a prize for: 1 - 5 years, 6 - 8 years, and 9 - 12 years. There's first, second and third in each of those age groups."

"The Bike & Shine event actually starts at the south parking lot of Ross Ford School at 9:00 am," explains Puttick.

"We will be taking late registrations there until about 9:15 am before heading out on the Bike & Shine parade from there to Macy's. The judging will be done at the end of the parade."

But that's just the start of all the fun to be had on Saturday. After the last prize is handed out, everyone will want to head downtown again for Midday Madness at stores and business and dozens of good eats in and around the Train Station. "Representatives from the Girl Guides, Child and Youth Club

and Scouts will be selling popcorn, pizza, hot dogs, smokies, burgers and cotton candy," Puttick explains. "There will also be face painting, contests, and lots of games for kids of all ages. It's all in the parking lot next to the Train Station."

In addition, the Lions Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast (for those who may have risen a bit late) and Barbecue Lunch at the C&C Parking Lot.

The Mountain View Tsuruoka Karate Club will be selling hot dogs by AG Foods, and the Library is having a huge book sale. "There's going to be lots and lots for everyone to see and do this weekend," says Puttick. "We hope people just come out and have a great time."

Anyone wishing more information about the Bike & Shine or Midday Madness events can call Val Puttick at 335-0064 or Sharon Tsiris at 335-3240.



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AROUND THE CIRCLE

Fireman's Cabaret takes place this weekend

by Marge St. Clair

Tues May 6

All parents of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club members are invited to the Annual General meeting and elections in the MP Room at the Complex from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Wed. May 7

The Annual Florence Nightingale Tea will be held in Unit #3 at the Didsbury Hospital from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Fri. May 9

Calling all floor curlers, carpet bowlers and lawn bowlers to the Annual meeting and pot luck supper at the 5-0 Club at 5:30 p.m.

Fri. May 13

You will enjoy taking the family to the Mother's Day Family Dance at the MP Room at the Complex, doors open at 7:15 p.m., dancing 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. to a live band in a smoke

free, alcohol free environment. Lunch and refreshments included in the admission. Please phone Glenda 335-3824 re: tickets and more details.

Sat. May 10

Be sure you visit the Elks Hall today from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for the mini trade show being held in conjunction with "Show & Shine". Inquiries about tables will be taken by Debbie 335-3870. The Child and Youths Clubs of Didsbury are in charge of this display.

Sat. May 10

This is the night of the Fireman's Cabaret at the Memorial Complex MP Room. Live music, lots of prizes, lunch, fun for all. Tickets from the Fireman.

Tues. May 13

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club invite you to the monthly breakfast at the Redeemer Lutheran Church from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. "Better Than Cinderella". Spec-

ial speaker - Cheryl Hoople from Legal, Ab. Special Feature - Louie Bastos "Message Through Mime". For reservations, please phone Deb 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765. Free baby sitting is supplied by the Ladies Club. Please remember to honor, cancel or give your reservation to a friend.

Wed. May 14

This is soup and sandwich day at the 5-0 Centre from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Wed. May 14

All seniors in Didsbury and surrounding areas who golf at the Didsbury Golf Course are reminded that league play will start today at 10:00 a.m. Have fun!

Wed. May 14

Tonight from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., the Farmer's Market will be open at the Curling Rink. To rent a table, please phone Laura at 335-4252.

Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce

by Penny & Marge

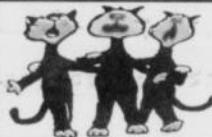
The meeting was held April 16th at the 5-0 Club.

Guest speakers were Andrew McManus and Barb Babiak from the Olds Chamber of Commerce. They outlined their memberships and procedures

regarding meetings, promotions and recognition of businesses. AB Community Development in Red Deer will be contacted for a session in May.

In the meantime Joelle's helpers will be Grant (Treasurer), Millie & Vern. News from the Ag Society - this years fair

theme is "Salute to Youth". The fair & rodeo is being held Aug. 15th - 17th. Also, "Prairies to Peaks" is the new Tourism Committee in the "neighborhood" and they will be hosting an open house at the Olds Town Council Chambers on Wed. May 21 at 7:00 p.m.



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are welcome to attend at 8:00 p.m.

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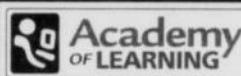
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Outlaws preparing for 4-H on parade

by Jodi-Lynn Krebs

Well, another meeting was held April 14, we talked about New and Old Business. In Old Business, we would like to send out a big THANKS to all the people who donated their bottle money especially, Weekend Warriors for donating all the bottles that they had.

Also, thanks to everybody

who donated batteries. It was a great success. Thanks to Jean for attending our meeting. She is from the "Tack Corral" in Olds. She talked about all the different bits that we can use and their different uses.

I would like to welcome two new members, Serena May and Kassy Ludke they have just transferred to our club.

In our New Business, we re-

viewed 4-H On Parade rules, other info, and signed documents and multi-judging. Don't forget about May 3, 2003. That is when you will see 4-H Members out cleaning the Highways.

Thanks to Bob Blain for letting us use your arena. Thanks to Nan Harrison for taking the time to show us the rights and wrongs of Showmanship and to Mary Lou Ziegelmagel for doing a Trail Clinic at her arena just outside of Carstairs. It's amazing what happens when you slow down. We did both these clinics April 5, 2003. Considering the weather, it was a great

time. On March 29, 2003, we had a fairly good turn out for the Multi-judging Workshop held in Didsbury. It was a lot of fun and educational. Thanks to all those who helped put it together.

Until next month take care.

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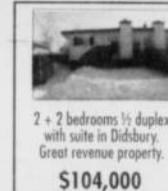
1994, 3 Bedroom 1216 sf manufactured home. Vinyl siding, lots of extras, one owner. Trailer to be moved.
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2 + 2 bedrooms ½ duplex with suite in Didsbury. Great revenue property.
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2 bedroom, 2 storey home in Carstairs. Nicely treed lot with many perennials.
\$108,900



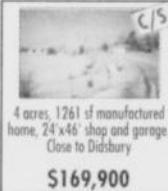
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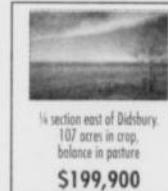
3 acres just east of Carstairs School. In pasture, fenced. New drilled well, power, ready to build on.
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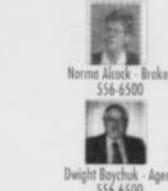
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"Up and Down the Fireman's Ladder"

Didsbury & District Fire Authority

by Tyrone Patten

A part of our training as firefighters that is a little less glamorous and not as exciting as the rest but is no less important, is what we call pre-planning. This is when we sit down and go over the what-ifs and just in case of an imaginary, but also possible situation.

Sometimes preplanning can also take the form of a tour of a building in town.

On April 9th, we had the pleasure of touring the new Zion Evangelical Missionary Church. This is just in case we ever get called there, we have an idea of what the building looks like inside.

We can also preplan by listening to others that have new experiences that they wish to share.

On April 16, we had Deputy Chief Cliff Fuller and Sr. Captain Dave Harvey of the Red Deer County Fire Dept. give us a presentation of their experience during the rescue efforts after the Pine Lake tornado.

They were two of the first rescuers on scene.

In the last 2 years, they have done their presentation in 5 different provinces.

We really hope that we never have to use what we learned from them, but with the weather we get in Alberta you just never know.

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Due to a lack of preplanning on my part, I was unable to look in the archives for a tidbit this month. My apologies.

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Working towards green, green grass at home: part 2

Welcome to spring everyone! You're probably all thinking that I had forgotten about you but the fact of the matter is I've just been so busy with the curves that life sometimes throws at us all that I just haven't had time to write. But I'm back now and ready to jump right in to the world of responsible gardening, both literally and figuratively.

In my last "Responsible Gardening" article I wrote about starting a new lawn, so the next logical topic to be discussed would be - you guessed it - lawn maintenance. Now this can be a pretty extensive topic so I will break it up into 3 articles. Today's column will discuss tasks that need to be done at the beginning of the growing season, next week's article will cover regular maintenance that is done throughout the season, and the following week I will tell you about lawn problems and what can be done about them. So without further ado let's move on to this week's information.

A healthy, relatively weed-, disease-, and insect-free lawn is something a lot of us strive to attain but all too often we struggle with various pests year after year, applying undesirable chemicals and ultimately not achieving our goal. This, however, doesn't have to be the case. With a little effort and the application of some health-inducing measures a beautiful, low-maintenance lawn is possible.

There are specific tasks that should be done at the beginning of the growing season that will go a long way towards creating a

strong turf. These tasks are aerating, dethatching (if necessary), overseeding (if necessary), fertilizing and/or topdressing.

Aerating is a maintenance task that, in my opinion, should not be skipped and should be

considered as standard lawn care. It can be done in either spring or fall (I prefer the spring) and because of our climate and the species of grass most commonly used in our lawns (Kentucky Bluegrass, which tends to form thatch), aerating

should be done once a year, every year. There is more than one type of aeration, but core aeration, which is the process of removing small plugs of soil from the lawn, is the method most frequently chosen by both homeowners and horti-

culture professionals. Lawn aeration helps air, water and fertilizer move down to the root zone of the turf, aids in the reduction of soil compaction and helps reduce and control thatch. If the thatch layer on the lawn isn't too thick then aerating

should provide enough control and since a small amount of thatch is desirable to act as mulch, dethatching shouldn't be necessary. If, however, the lawn has a thick thatch layer then dethatching should be done.

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As responsible pet owners, we all know our pets require care and attention to survive, grow and flourish. Why then, would we expect a tree to survive without any care, in poor soil, with no water and no room to grow?

"I am myself and what is around me, and if I do not save it, it will not save me." -Spanish philosopher Jose Ortega y Gasset, and "To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees!" -American President, Theodore Roosevelt

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Now what exactly is thatch? Thatch is an organic layer of living and dead plant material that accumulates above the soil surface. The thickness of the thatch should be one-half inch or less. If it is more significantly thicker than that then you should consider dethatching. Dethatching is the process of "raking" out some of the thatch layer in order to allow for greater penetration of air, water and nutrients. Be careful though. Dethatching can damage your lawn if done incorrectly so make sure to check with your garden centre or a turf maintenance specialist. After a satisfactory thatch level has been attained, which may need to be achieved over time, yearly aeration and proper maintenance should prevent the thatch from building up to unhealthy levels.

Two more important spring lawn tasks are fertilizing and/or topdressing. Fertilizing and topdressing both provide nutrients to your lawn and both can be of organic composition. Additionally, topdressing can amend soil quality by adding sand and organic matter, which can improve drainage, nutrient levels and water-holding capacity. Not all lawns need to be topdressed but all lawns do need to have nutrients applied. Properly matured compost, organic fertilizers and topdressing mixes are all good ways to "feed" your lawn. Make sure you follow fertilizing directions accurately to prevent burning the grass. Again, your local

garden centre is a great resource and can help you determine the correct application rate of whatever fertilizer you decide to use.

One last turf procedure that I would like to mention is overseeding. Overseeding isn't necessary for every lawn but it won't hurt either. It is the process of spreading seed over an already established lawn. One advantage of it is that it can speed the process of bare patches filling in and another is that the density of the lawn will be increased. Thicker lawns mean less potential for problems because roots are nicely shaded and weeds have a really tough time competing with thick, healthy turf. There is a large selection of appropriate seed mixes available that will work well for overseeding.

Next week I'll talk about the normal lawn maintenance practices that we are all familiar with that need to be done all season long - mowing, watering and line-trimming.

I would like to invite you to send me your gardening questions. If you have a question that you can't find the answer to send it to Deborah Whitmore, B.A.H.T.; Box 1839, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 or email me at mysticrose@shaw.ca and will do my best to get an answer to you.

Have a great week everyone and I'll be looking for you out in your gardens.

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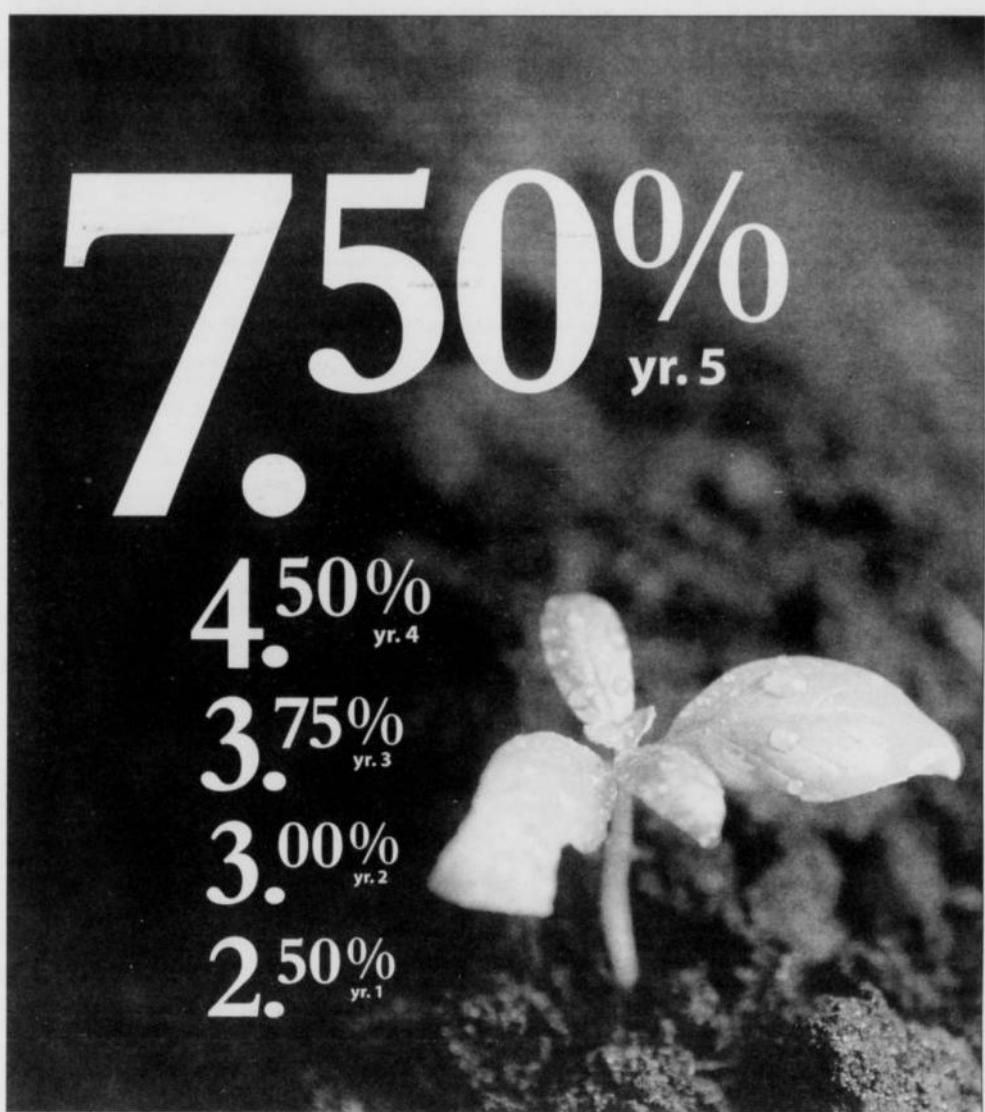
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Sports

RODEO Didsburian still on top of the rodeo world

by Barry Williams

A handful of Canadian cowboys have enjoyed a productive winter participating in Professional Rodeo cowboys' Association sanctioned rodeos held in the United States.

Defending 2002 World Saddle Bronc Champion, Glen O'Neill, of Didsbury, leads the Jack Daniel's/PRCA World Standings with \$33,604 in earnings. The native Australian, now a Canadian citizen, has placed in the major winter rodeos and has earned enough points to qualify for the Wrangler Pro Tour Winter Finals Rodeo being held in Las Vegas from June 12-14, 2003.

In Las Vegas, O'Neill will be joined by defending Canadian Professional Rodeo Association Saddle Bronc Champion, Rod Hay, of Wildwood, AB., bull rider, Scott Schiffner, of Stettler, AB. and steer wrestler, Curtis Cassidy, of Donaldia, AB.

Currently, Hay holds down second place in the World saddle bronc standings with \$27,448 in earnings. Meanwhile, Cassidy has pocketed \$25,341 in earnings good enough for third place in the World standings in steer wrestling. Schiffner has yet to place in the top fifteen in World standings but Brooks bull rider, Robert Bowers, holds down eighth place with earnings of \$23,368.

For the past three years, the Canadian saddle bronc championship has been dominated by the Hay brothers, Rod and Denny, along with their brother-in-law O'Neill.

In the early going on the Canadian trail, the trio are the top three riders with Rod leading the way with \$16,168 while Denny, of Mayerthorpe, AB., is in second with \$14,168. O'Neill is in third place with earnings of \$14,129.

Defending Canadian bull riding champion, Justin Volz, of Charlie Lake, B.C., leads the event with \$4,408. Big Valley bull rider, Kelly Armstrong, is in second place pocketing \$4,048. Two Cochrane bull riders are in the top ten in Canadian standings. Jody Turner has earned \$2,484 and Steven Turner has \$1,609 in earnings.

Strathmore's, Jason DelGuericio, leads the Canadian bareback riding compiling earnings of \$4,822. Three-time Canadian bareback champion, Bill Boyd, of Olds, has earned \$1,307 for fourth place and Blake Whitney, of Cochrane, has earned \$993.00 for ninth place.

Madden calf roper, Cliff Williamson, the defending Canadian champion, is looking for his 22nd consecutive appearance at the Canadian Finals Rodeo as he has accumulated \$3,334 in earnings for third place. A four-time Canadian champion, Williamson has never missed a Canadian Finals Rodeo since turning professional.

Mark Nugent, of Water Valley, stands in fourth place with \$2,017. Big Valley's Dale Skocdopole and Wimborne's Guy Smith have earned \$1,467 apiece for ninth place in the calf roping competition. Leading the Canadian calf ropers is Al Bouchard, of Scandia, AB. with \$3,736.

Lee Graves, of Calgary, continues to lead the steer wrestling competition with \$4,424. Cochrane's Ballie Milan has earned \$3,272 and Brent Willsie, of Caroline, has pocketed \$3,099. Veteran barrel racer, Gayle Howes leads the ladies barrel racing with \$4,713.

For the next two weeks, the CPRA circuit swings into British Columbia for rodeos in Kelowna, Cloverdale, Princeton, Falkland and Luxton.



Allan Shields will bring world class bull riding to town on June 14.

photo by Richard Westlund

Bullriding Classic coming to Didsbury

by Richard Westlund

Thirty-two of Canada's best bull riders are expected to mosey into town on June 14 for the first-ever Didsbury Bull Riding Classic.

The show, which will run at the Didsbury Arena the same weekend as the Innisfail Pro Rodeo takes place, is expected to provide two solid hours of bull-riding action.

"It's quick and it's non-stop," said event promoter Allan Shields. "The quality of the bulls and the riders will be unlike anything Didsbury has ever seen before."

Shields said the fact the event takes place the same weekend Innisfail is holding its rodeo is not a coincidence.

He said what better time to hold such an event than when the cowboys are in the area.

"I am expecting Canadian Champions and NFR, CFR and PBR (also the organization sanctioning the event) to ride in Didsbury," said Shields. "It is going to be a big time show in a small town. Everything is going to be first class - 32 of Canada's top cowboys, 40 of Canada's top bulls."

Bulls are being supplied by five different breeders, including Shields.

Each cowboy will be given a ride and the top six will move on to the finals. Over \$6,000 will be up for grabs.

This is the first bull riding show Shields, a former bull rider, has put on. He said he is busy approaching sponsors for the upcoming event.

So far the community response to the show has been good, said Shields.

He credits the Town for standing behind and helping out with the show and the Ag. Society will be putting on a dance and cabaret following the event in the multi-purpose room.

Shields said he has approached the fire department to help with the setup and take down of the corrals and pens and he is trying to get minor hockey involved in some capacity.

Tickets for the event will be available at the door and Shields said it will be a good time for those who attend.

"I am not putting one of these on for the sake of putting one on. It is going to be first class all the way."

Junior golfers are heading to Sundre

by Barry Williams

Junior golfers from across the province will be heading to Sundre on Saturday, May 24, to participate in the first event of the McLennan-Ross Sun Junior Tour.

A full contingent of 144 golfers is expected to contest for the tournament championship.

According to Sundre Golf Club, Director of Golf, Bob Forshner, several area golfers will take part in the popular event.

"In past tournaments, we have always had a strong registration from the Sundre Golf Club and other clubs within this area and I expect the same this year," said Forshner. "Since this is the first tournament of the year for these golfers, they are eager to get out on the course," Forshner added.

Besides getting out to play a round of golf, the

McLennan-Ross Sun Junior Tour provides the younger duffer with the opportunity of playing in an organized tournament against different competitors and developing the fundamentals of the game.

"Our main focus of these tournaments is the development of Junior golf within the province," said Dunc Mills, Executive Director of the McLennan-Ross Sun Junior Golf Tour.

And through the years, the Tour has attracted elite Junior golfers interested in obtaining golf scholarships, or working as a professional golfer as well as those wanting to play the game as fun and enjoyment.

"There is no doubt the tournament has attracted the upper echelon of Junior golfers in the province who have participated in the Alberta Junior Men's Provincial tournament or the Canadian Junior Men's Championship," Mills said.

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Noteable names on the Canadian Junior Men's Golf Team, which participated at the 2002 World Junior Golf Championship in Japan were Sundre's Ryan Swelin and Lethbridge's Ryan LaValley, both of whom played several years on the McLennan-Ross Sun Junior Tour.

"Every Junior golfer entering our tournaments has an equal opportunity

of participating, it doesn't matter if they're the best golfer or just learning the game," Mills added.

Besides participating in the tournaments, the golfers are exposed to rules and conduct of the game and it gives them a better understanding of the game, noted Mills.

"Playing in a tournament is different from playing a round of golf with your

friends and these kids learn all the aspects of tournament play," indicated Mills.

With 27 tournaments scheduled throughout the province, the golfers can enter a tournament close to home or travel to any of the events.

Each tournament qualifies two female and five male golfers for the Tour Championship held at the Wolf Creek

Golf Resort in August

Except for Husky Oil, all major sponsors; Calgary Sun, McLennan-Ross, Parcom Marketing, Koch Ford Mercury, IGA and Dairyland are back with the tour this year, which has added ATB Financial as one of the sponsors. "We have had excellent participation from corporate sponsors and the golf clubs," concluded Mills.